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NOTE

FRANCE-CHINA: The French Foreign Ministry is extremely pleased with Foreign Minister Schumann's visit to China from 5-11 July. Schumann and his party discussed a wide range of international issues in lengthy talks with Chinese leaders, including Mao, and found the convergence of views on many issues which they had expected. A Quai official characterized the visit as a reaffirmation of France's special position as the only government besides the US engaged in a dialogue designed to "bring out" the Chinese. The only result of the talks, however, seems to have been Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei's acceptance of an open-dated invitation to visit France. Although agreement was reached on closer contacts in many areas, no regular consultations, such as France holds with the USSR, were planned.

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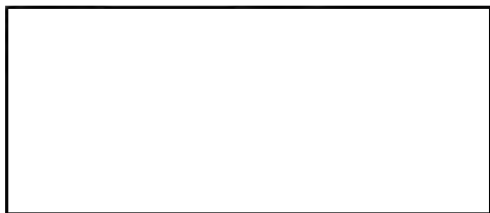
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